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USDOC FOR BRAD TYRELL SAD/OIM/BIC; PETER HALE CAGNE/OIM/BIC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DAMASCUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR

1. PASS TO JOSEPH FOCO FOR HANDLING.
2. JUST RECEIVED TELEX FROM RUDOLF SAADE BEIRUT AGENT AMERICAN EXPORT ADVISING OF SCHEDULED ARRIVAL OF ONE 40 FOOT CONTAINER LATEST EVENING AUGUST 20.
3. SAADA ADDS PLEASE INFORM MR. JOSEPH ACCORDINGLY AND ADVISE US IF YOUR VANNING THE CONTAINER WHILE ON TRAILER OR SHOULD CONTAINER BE DISCHARGED. THIS FULLY CONTINGENT ON ARRIVAL OF AND EFFICIENCY OF SWISS CREW ON WHICH WE HAVE NO SCHEDULE. JOSEPH SHOULD HAVE THE ANSWER.
4. SAADE ASKS IF DESTINATION TEHERAN OR BEIRUT AS INDICATED BY AMERICAN EXPORT LINES. WE HAVE REQUESTED THIS INFORMATION FROM USDOC BUT HAVE NO REPLY.
5. SAADA FINALLY ADDS AMERICAN EXPORT LINES STATE ALL EXPENSES TO BE DEBITED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND ASKS US TO CONFIRM.
6. IT SHOULD BE GENERALLY EVIDENT THAT AGAIN JOSEPH HAS NOT PROPERLY ADVISED AMERICAN EXPORT AGENTS IN NEW YORK, BEIRUT AND THEIR CORRESPONDENT IN DAMASCUS OF HIS SCHEDULING, ROUTING

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AND HANDLING OF EXPENSES. WE ARE NOT TO BE DEBITED.

7. DUSEX WILL UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ADVISE SAADE ON THESE OR ANY OTHER PROCEDURAL POINTS REGARDING FOCO. A REVIEW OF CABLE AND EXPENSIVE TELEPHONE TRAFFIC WILL REVEAL THAT COST - WISE AND IN ACTUAL TIME OUR EFFORTS AND DUSEX TIME ARE EMPLOYED IN ABNORMAL AMOUNT TO UNSCRAMBLE FOCO MESS. FOCO MUST STRESS TO SAADE AND ALL OTHERS THAT US GOVERNMENT IS NOT INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CONTRACT FOR SYSTEM MOVEMENT AND THAT IF SAADE HAS QUESTIONS HE SHOULD ADDRESS THEM DIRECTLY TO JOSEPH. ANY INTERCEDENCE AT THIS TIME BY U.S. GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER ALTRUISTICALLY MOTIVATED, ONLY INVITES CONTINGENT RESPONSIBILITY IN A CAN OF WORMS.
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